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WAR NOTICE

E.M.S. Contracts

The Ministry of Health has decided to extend in the great majority of cases the guarantee of employment to members of the E.M.S. of twelve months from the beginning of the war for a further two months, and those individuals whose services are not renewed beyond the twelve-months period will be notified to that effect by the Ministry.

CENTRAL MEDICAL WAR COMMITTEE,
B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1.

Correspondence

Central Mileage Fund

SIR,—In the report of a meeting of the Insurance Acts Committee (*Supplement*, July 13, p. 3) a suggestion was made to apply for an increase in the Central Mileage Fund, and it is stated: "One member, a prominent rural practitioner, said that in spite of all that had been stated in the past he was increasingly convinced that the contention of the town practitioner that he travelled a greater distance than the rural practitioner commonly supposed was entirely justified." I do not know who this "prominent rural practitioner" is, but the sooner his colleagues in his area find someone else to represent them the better it will be for them and the whole rural practitioners. I do not doubt that many practitioners in towns travel many miles, but what number of patients can they visit in their round? The country doctor often has to go many miles and then tramp over fields with mud up to his knees to see one patient who is often a poor labourer or one of his family and quite incapable of paying an adequate fee. I once had to pay many visits to such a case, and in spite of taking my Wellington boots with me I found the walk so exhausting that I refused to go on unless they sent a cart to the main road to meet me. It is not so much the distance he travels as the time it takes that makes country practice so arduous. A country doctor may motor thirty or forty miles in a day and earn very little. A town one, if he travels a similar distance, puts in several visits and earns an adequate amount. Having had experience of both kinds of practice, I know that the mileage grant is inadequate.—I am, etc.,

Beckley, July 16. ARTHUR E. LARKING, M.D.

Compulsory Service for "R" Practitioners

SIR,—I am a medical practitioner outside the "R" class but have had some experience in the past as house-surgeon in provincial hospitals, and wish to point out the difficulties of compulsory service for medical practitioners as house-surgeons in the voluntary hospitals. The remuneration and more especially the conditions of employment in these hospitals vary widely and are in many cases highly unsatisfactory. As it seems likely that it will be in those hospitals that are most unsatisfactory that compulsion would be necessary to fill the vacancies it would be advisable in all those posts that: (1) sufficient salary should be paid to enable the medical man to maintain a reasonable standard of living without having his income supplemented by his parents; and (2) the hours and conditions of work should be above the minimum standard. I would suggest every second week-end entirely off duty and the minimum of three afternoons off duty in all cases where the house-surgeon is required to take his turn on call for night emergencies.

It is well known that the incidence of sickness among house-surgeons is high, but the hospital authorities like to regard this as due to infection from patients and to ignore the main cause, which is lack of opportunity for fresh air and exercise. Again, it is customary to regard these hospital complaints as trivial sicknesses which must be a nuisance to the unfortunates concerned but are not a matter of any great importance. Perhaps a record of my years in hospital may be enlightening in this respect. During just over three years' residence, spread among several hospitals, I came across approximately 100 medical men and women whose term of residence coincided with mine for a longer or shorter period. Of these two developed tuberculosis; three were operated on for acute appendicitis; two developed duodenal ulcers with complications; one developed diabetes; and one retrobulbar neuritis. In addition, my immediate predecessor in one hospital post developed tuberculosis and so did the one before the last in another hospital; both have, I believe, died. Almost all these cases occurred in house-surgeons who continued in hospital jobs for longer than a year.—I am, etc.,

July 22. M.D.

Duties of Doctors in Air Raids

SIR,—In contrast to the experience of the "Two Bristol G.P.s" (*Supplement*, July 20, p. 6), the following is the use made of the medical men in my town. We are seven in all and are disposed as follows in the event of serious air raids: 1. Medical officer at first-aid post. 2. Medical officer at mobile first-aid post. 3 and 4. Deputies or assistants to 1 and 2. 5 and 6. Detailed to assist first-aid parties in sorting of casualties, etc. 7. Emergency anaesthetist at local hospital. —I am, etc.,

July 22. M.O.H.

*** This correspondence is now closed.—ED., *B.M.J.*

THE DENTAL BOARD

In opening the thirty-eighth session of the Dental Board the chairman, Professor Edward Sheridan, said that calls were being made upon the board to enforce the prohibition of practice and of "holding out" by unregistered persons. The board had the power, in England but not in Scotland, to institute prosecutions for these offences, though it had no monopoly anywhere of this power. But there were signs of a revival since last autumn of demands that the board should investigate, wholly at the expense of its funds, allegations which were sometimes vague and statements which were sometimes casual, suggesting that an offence might at some unknown time have been committed. It was natural that when legitimate practice had not recovered its equilibrium, and the practitioner was subjected to competition on the mechanical side of his work which might sometimes pass beyond legal bounds, he should turn to the board to safeguard his hardly won position. But it was not possible for the board simultaneously to expand its activities in prosecuting for offences or in making inquiries with a view to prosecution, and to spend less, or no more, on work falling under this head in its accounts. It seemed prudent, therefore, to anticipate that expenditure for the year would exceed income by a sum of the order of £2,000. For the present the board must turn a critical, if sympathetic, eye on proposals for the resumption or expansion of grant-aided services. If a policy which erred on the side of parsimony were now followed the board might be better able, when peace was restored, to see how such resources as remained in its hands could best be applied to purposes connected with dental education and research or any public purposes connected with the profession of dentistry.

Naval, Military, and Air Force Appointments

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Surgeon Lieut.-Commanders F. G. V. Scovell and J. J. Benson to be Surgeon Commanders.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES

Colonel P. S. Tomlinson, D.S.O., late R.A.M.C., to be Director of Medical Services, and to be acting Major-General.

Colonel A. L. Stevenson, late R.A.M.C., has retired and remains employed.

Lieut.-Colonel (acting Colonel) E. C. Beddows, M.C., from R.A.M.C., to be Colonel.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major (temporary Lieut.-Colonel) H. A. Rowell, M.C., to be Lieut.-Colonel.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE

Flying Officer J. Crawford to be Flight Lieutenant.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE: MEDICAL BRANCH

J. G. Milner to be Squadron Leader.

To be Flight Lieutenants: A. D. D. Broughton, A. G. Moore, R. J. O'Connor.

To be Flying Officers: H. F. S. Beadles, P. J. Blaxland, C. M. Fenn, S. J. Hadfield, H. Halson, E. H. Jones, B. S. Kent, R. R. Klain, W. J. Lawrence, J. H. McIlrath, W. J. O. Page, J. G. Paton, R. W. K. Purser, C. R. Savage, W. F. Tierney.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major J. H. Gurley, having attained the age limit of liability to recall, has ceased to belong to the Reserve of Officers and has reverted to retired pay.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major J. C. Alexander, T.D., from R.A., Territorial Army, to be Major.

Lieut. (acting Major) C. Cockburn to be Captain.

Captain A. C. Frazer, from Supernumerary for service with O.T.C., to be Captain.

Captains I. M. D. Grieve and G. H. Thomson have relinquished their commissions on account of ill-health.

Lieut. (War Substantive Captain) R. J. F. L. Talbot has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health.

Lieuts. R. T. Easton, J. G. Lord, and W. G. Russell to be Captains.

Lieuts. (War Substantive Captains) C. H. R. Carmichael and W. A. Kerr have relinquished their commissions on account of ill-health.

LAND FORCES: EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Prof. H. W. B. Cairns to be Lieutenant, and has been promoted to acting Colonel.

The surname of Lieut. R. N. Cadenhead is as now described, and not as stated in the Supplement to the *London Gazette* dated July 9.

Lieuts. W. C. Sloan, B. D. Consul, and A. K. Kerr have relinquished their commissions.

Lieut. E. Hulme has resigned his commission.

Lieuts. D. Mackenzie, J. R. Chambers, J. M. Hardy, and H. S. Perrot have relinquished their commissions on account of ill-health.

To be Lieutenants: C. A. Thompson, J. P. Baird, H. P. F. Corbin, A. T. Blair, J. Hotson, A. P. Dick, J. L. Dimond, J. C. R. Buchanan, D. F. Hutchinson, E. S. Anderson, H. L. Thornton, K. C. Mallen, C. W. H. Ingoldby, A. C. P. D. Thomson, N. S. Martin, H. V. Williams, D. L. H. Goddard, V. Drosso, J. R. Raffray, C. F. Hacker, J. G. Lynch, G. A. Richards, J. S. Craig, J. A. C. Burridge, R. A. Goodall, K. F. Hulbert, J. G. S. McGeoch, F. E. Pitt-Payne, D. Wardrop, I. G. Cameron, N. S. Clark, J. J. Cruickshank, J. C. Cuthbert, W. I. S. Hudleston, R. D. S. Jack, A. F. Jarvie, C. E. Lumsden, J. K. McCollum, A. H. Mayne, B. C. M. Palmer, E. S. Pope, M. F. Ronayne, A. J. Thomas, A. W. Wright, T. F. H. Duffell, J. A. Falk, R. G. Gibson, C. Macauley, P. C. Mallam, H. O. MacC. Merewether, S. M. Power, E. H. Rink, J. G. Scadding, G. M. J. Slot, W. C. Somerville-Large, F. L. Willington, J. K. Willson-Pepper, J. E. Ryan, T. F. Quigley, G. C. K. Reid, C. Shearer, J. W. S. Welborn, G. Hall-Davis, A. R. Snowdon, Sir R. St. Johnston, K.C.M.G., J. Cross, J. B. Devine, W. S. W. Guthrie, W. Guthrie, A. W. Hardie, J. W. Henderson, J. H. McIntyne, C. R. A. O'Riordan, D. L. Owen, J. L. Skene, F. L. Turner, R. S. Savidge, J. M. Thomson, R. M. Williams, C. B. Drew, C. L. Grant, A. E. H. Reid, E. A. Jack, J. E. A. Bartlet, D. M. F. Batty, M. K. Granger, H. Henderson, R. Kerr, J. Leslie, A. MacFarlane, R. T. Michael, D. B. Mumby, G. S. Riddell, D. F. Ritchie, L. L. Theron, A. P. D. Thomson, W. H. Whyment, A. D. Young, E. Leigh, E. Cope, J. F. Fisher, J. McL. Gunn, S. T. Henderson, W. Maude, G. Pringle, H. Sherry, A. B. Hegarty, J. W. Irvine, E. T. McCartney, J. Cassells, E. G. Muir, E. J. Strachan, R. B. Baird, T. E. Field, E. J. Lace, W. B. McKenna, J. F. Pantridge, A. S. Ramsey, A. T. Wallace, W. Pritchard, T. B. Smiley, E. J. Crawford, H. H. Aitchison, H. Agar, G. Herbert, A. Brown, D. Roberts, N. S. Fraser, A. E. Norman, G. Cohda, K. Coen, A. G. Hewer, D. W. G. Jones, A. G. Kulkarni, J. R. Chambers, T. H. T. Gautby, M. Kremer, H. W. Gordon, D. H. D. Burbridge, J. W. Redgate, G. H. Buck, E. P. H. Drake, C. D. P. Jones, E. A. Wilson, H. W. Balch, W. D. Catto, H. S. Cheetham, W. J. S. Ewan, T. E. Hayden, H. A. Koretz, A. G. G. Melville, A. Morgan, E. J. A. Needham, A. M. Buchanan, G. A. C. Miller, G. R. Cubitt, H. L. Rogerson, A. Wattison, C. C. Bennett, W. G. Carson, J. Miedema, J. Y. Walker, H. F. Anderson, C. E. Aston, A. Marshall, F. G. Millar, J. L. W. Ball, T. W. Barnfather, D. P. Beckett, J. P. Berry, T. E. Broadbent, M. O. Brigstocke, J. L. Cardwell, R. P. Davies, F. L. Dyson, J. M. Hamer, S. W. J. Harbutt, A. A. Alderice, D. M. Baker, F. C. Heatley, N. T. Holden, O. Ive, R. E. Johnson, J. J. D. La Touche, A. Lindsay, A. W. B. Macdonald, R. S. Morris, J. E. B. Morton, W. H. L. Patrick, A. D. M. Pyle, F. K. B. Quanbrough, B. S. Quinn, J. B. Reid, G. G. Robertson, B. D. R. Wilson, D. P. Beckett, C. McK. Craig, L. P. Fitch, S. A. H. Qureshi, L. M. Reid, J. L. Williams, G. J. Kelly, S. B. White, G. L. S. Konstam, B. O. Hancock, R. Marnham, W. A. Nicholson, J. G. A. Gilruth, W. E. David, N. C. Horne, R. M. Wylie, V. W. Maxwell, W. T. Andrews, A. L. Cochrane, E. S. A. Crawford, D. M. T. Gairdner, A. Kendrew, D. H. Kinmont, F. G. Mackintosh, H. M. Pickard, G. F. R. Parker, R. H. Clarke, E. G. Holmes, R. Mackay, M. Braun, M. A. G. Pietroni, D. R. Wheeler, J. E. Semple, A. Gray, J. B. Scott, G. S. Hodge, T. J. Lynch, D. J. Brewer, R. M. Brown, N. Copeland, W. Drummond, I. A. Jackson, R. D. Mason, L. R. Taylor, G. R. H. Wrangham, J. S. Guinan, J. R. Holden, J. B. Murray, J. J. Sheridan, S. N. Varian, A. R. Bracey, R. I. Cohen, C. B. Prowse, W. N. Taylor, G. I. Watson, M. M. Leigh, N. H. H. Golledge, M. R. Sagar, G. R. Anderson, D. Archdale-Smith, I. W. Caldwell, R. L. Cormie, J. L. Egan, C. R. W. Gray, W. F. Ingram, H. C. Pain, G. C. D. Roberts, W. J. Shannon, J. Smith, R. Southward, R. M. Wiltshire, W. G. C. Edwards, J. K. C. Megany, W. A. Cannell, J. P. Currie, J. A. G. Gulliford, G. H. McCracken, L. M. Mackenzie, H. R. McNair, R. C. Meek, A. N. O. Moynan, G. G. Michell, I. F. Somerville, D. B. Watson, P. H. Beattie, A. L. Black, J. T. Curry, H. D. Fleming, C. Kirk, B. E. McConnell, S. W. McGhee, W. H. Mylechreest, W. McC. Ross, G. M. S. Ryan, R. M. E. Smith, I. S. Stewart, A. R. D. Stuart, W. D. Wallace, E. H. Williams, B. F. B. Gulliver, D. Joy, J. Milligan, G. Winchester, H. R. Friedlander, R. H. Brent, J. H. L. Easton, L. H. Guest, M.C., M.P., F. G. Hinks, A. Miller, R. I. Richards, H. D. Smith, F. W. Smith, H. P. Swan, G. M. Willoughby, J. F. H. Walton, J. R. Cuthbert, D. W. Jolly, S. W. Longthorne, J. MacR. S. Nichol, K. R. D. Porter, J. W. W. Baillie, W. L. Smith, T. J. Mullins, W. W. Fergerson, E. P. Morley, A. H. Elliott, W. S. Watson, W. D. Allan, J. McM. Forsyth, C. Hackney, J. S. Logan, J. L. Rosenfield, W. H. Rees, G. C. Brown, J. P. Stallard, J. J. V. Hopkins, M. J. Saunders, H. M. Rapport, J. N. Appleton, D. McK. Anderson, G. S. Caithness, C. Cunningham, D. H. Jones, A. M. Lester, J. Ness-Walker, D. H. Couch, S. McR. Reid, J. Seed, E. Hyman, O. C. Hamilton-Jones, J. McBride, G. A. C. Esson, M. J. Munro, G. J. Phillip, K. Smith, W. B. Summers, D. A. MacKinnon, P. X. Bermingham, E. J. Bowner, J. S. Hindley, W. F. Hooton, R. E. Jackson, W. E. McPhillimy, A. G. Martin, J. A. S. Mulligan, M. T. Murchison, N. W. N. Murray, K. D. Stewart, H. E. C. Sutton, A. A. White, J. L. Williams, J. D. Younghusband, P. G. Seed.

Hilda Roberts, Ethel E. Robertson, Jean D. McMillan, and Janet H. Mackay to be Medical Officers with the relative rank of Lieutenant.

Postgraduate News

The Fellowship of Medicine announces that a course for Final F.R.C.S. candidates will be held at Royal Cancer Hospital from August 19 to October 11, daily (except Saturdays), from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instruction will include clinical teaching in the wards and out-patient department, *x*-ray and museum demonstrations, lectures, tutorial classes, and written examination papers. A course for M.R.C.P. candidates will be held at Brompton Hospital from August 13 to September 5, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 p.m.; instruction will consist of clinical and *x*-ray demonstrations. A course in neurology for M.R.C.P. candidates will be given at West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases from September 9 to 20 from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

WEEKLY POSTGRADUATE DIARY

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL, Ducane Road, W.—*Daily*, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Medical Clinics, Surgical Clinics and Operations, Obstetrical and Gynaecological Clinics and Operations. *Daily*, 1.30 to 2 p.m., Post-mortem Demonstration. *Mon.*, 10 a.m., Opening lecture of course on War Surgery of the Abdomen. *Tues.*, 2.30 p.m., Ward Clinic, Sir Walter Langdon-Brown. *Thurs.*, 2 p.m., Radiological Conference, Dr. Duncan White. *Fri.*, 2.30 p.m., Sterility Clinic, Mr. V. B. Green-Armytage.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 1, Wimpole Street, W.—*Royal Cancer Hospital*, Fulham Road, S.W.—Mon., Wed., and Fri., 2 p.m., Practical Operative Surgery Course.

EDINBURGH POSTGRADUATE LECTURES.—At Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, *Thurs.*, 4.30 p.m. Prof. F. A. E. Crew, F.R.S.: On the Contributions of Genetics to Reconstructive Medicine.

APPOINTMENTS

EXAMINING FACTORY SURGEONS.—Emily M. Badenoch, M.B., Ch.B., for the Nottingham North District (Nottinghamshire); D. S. Campbell, M.B., Ch.B., for the Kirkmichael District (Dumfriesshire); W. B. Loveless, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., for the Ramsgate District (Kent); D. Stanley-Jones, F.R.C.S., for the Breage District (Cornwall).

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.—The following appointments in the Council's mental health services have been made at the hospital indicated in parentheses. *Specialist (Temporary)*: Doreen P. Firmin, M.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.M. (Sutton Emergency); *First Assistant Medical Officer (Temporary)*: W. P. Berrington, M.D., D.P.M. (Sutton Emergency).

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

The charge for inserting announcements under this heading is 10s. 6d. This amount should be forwarded with the notice, authenticated with the name and address of the sender, and should reach the Advertisement Manager not later than the first post Tuesday morning to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTH

NICHOLSON.—On July 25, 1940, at Lincoln, to Margaret, wife of Neville Jennings Nicholson, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., Surgeon and Superintendent, County Infirmary, Louth, Lincs, a daughter.

The reorganization of the general relief districts in London consequent upon the coming into operation of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940, necessitates alterations in the district medical service and medical relief districts. It is hoped to bring these alterations into force, with the consent of the Minister of Health, on October 1. The rearrangements include a reduction in the number of medical relief districts from 112 to eighty-eight. A certain number of district medical officers will become redundant, and their engagements have been or will be terminated. In some cases—namely, those of senior Poor Law officers who are retired with the consent of the Minister of Health—the question of compensation will arise. In twenty-five districts the salary is being increased and in twelve decreased in consequence of the alteration of boundaries of the districts, and in fifteen other cases the provisional allowance in addition to the normal salary is being increased and in five cases diminished, owing to increase or reduction of work respectively.